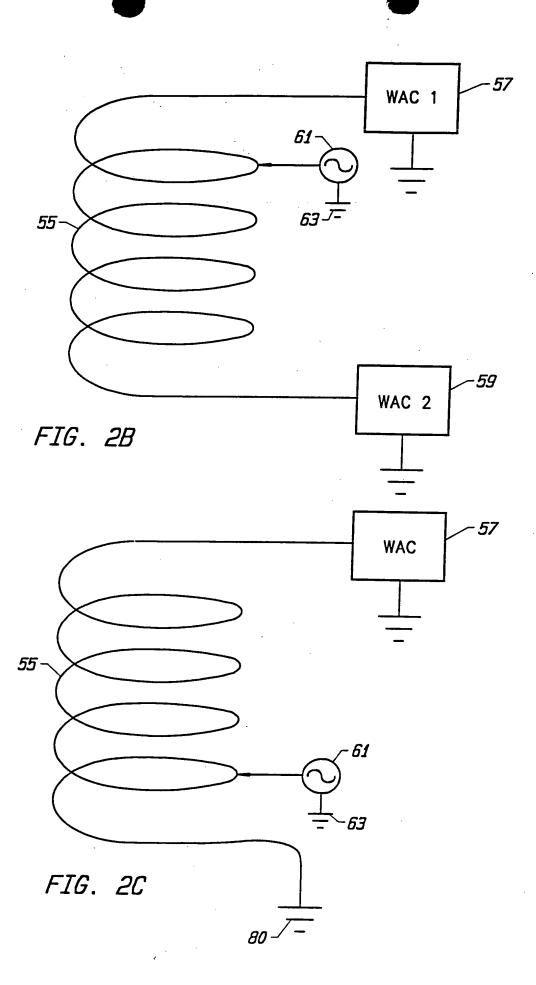


FIG. 2A



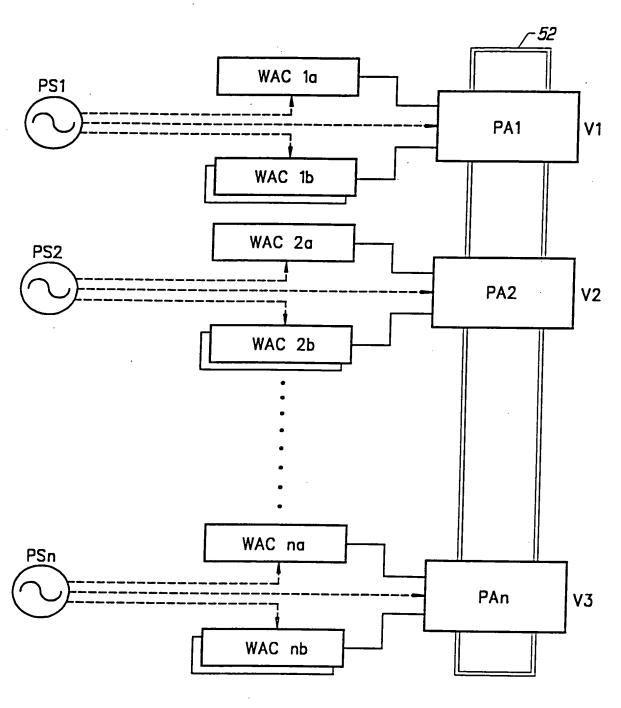
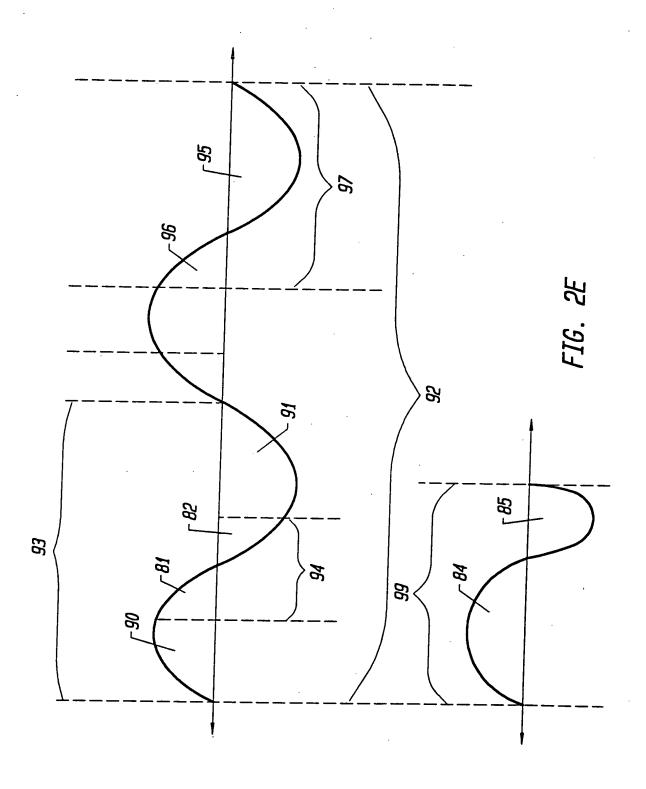


FIG. 2D



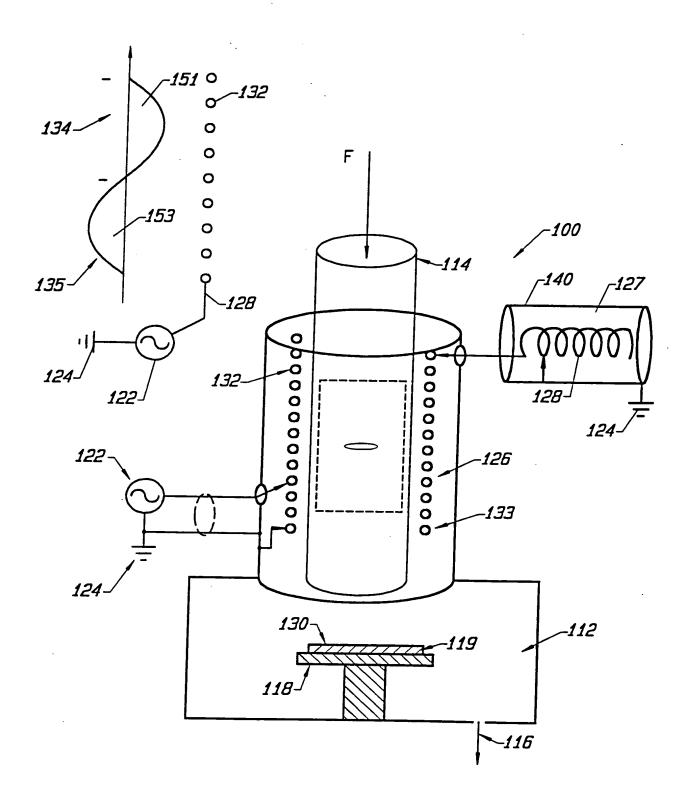
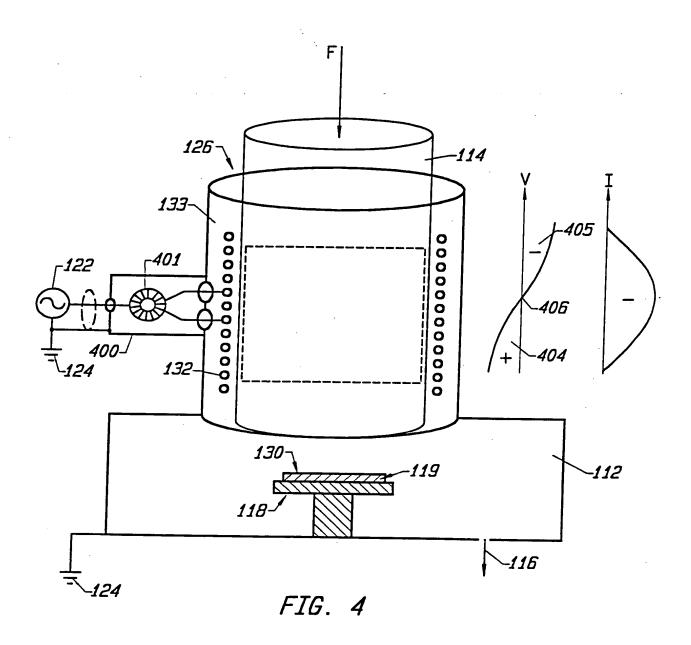


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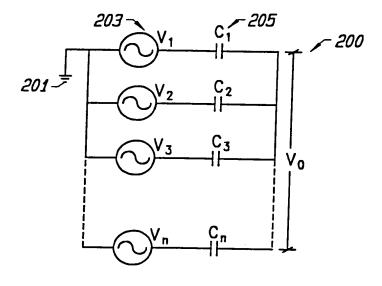
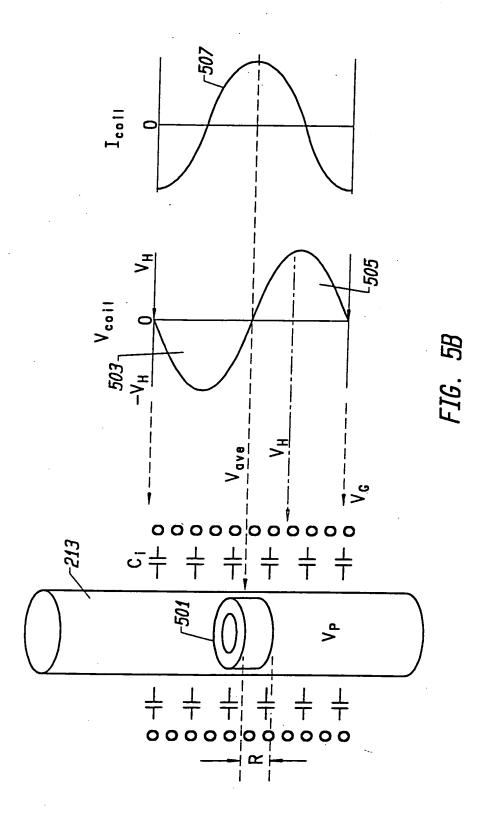
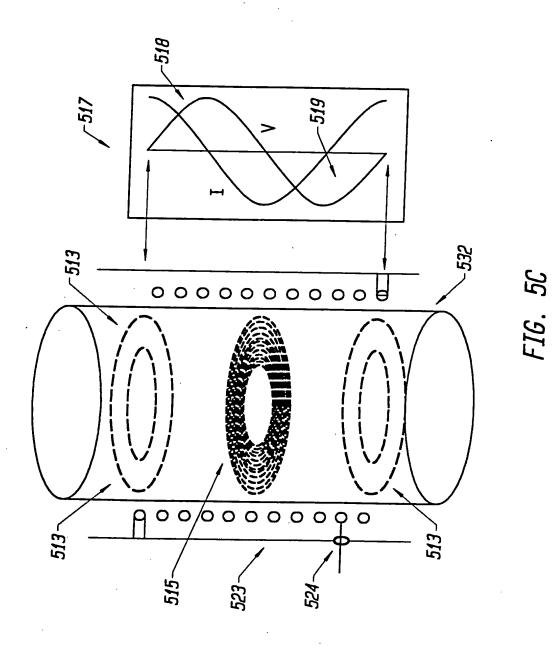
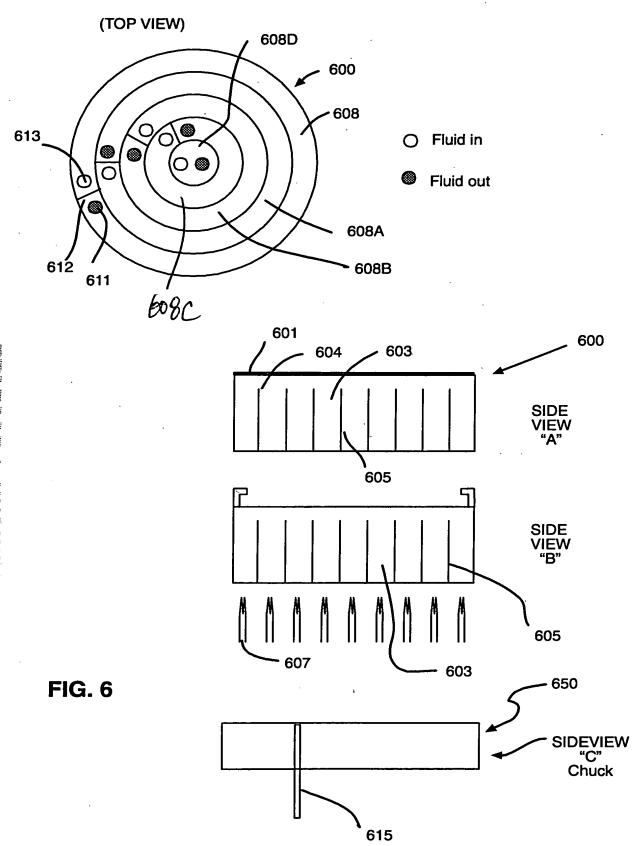
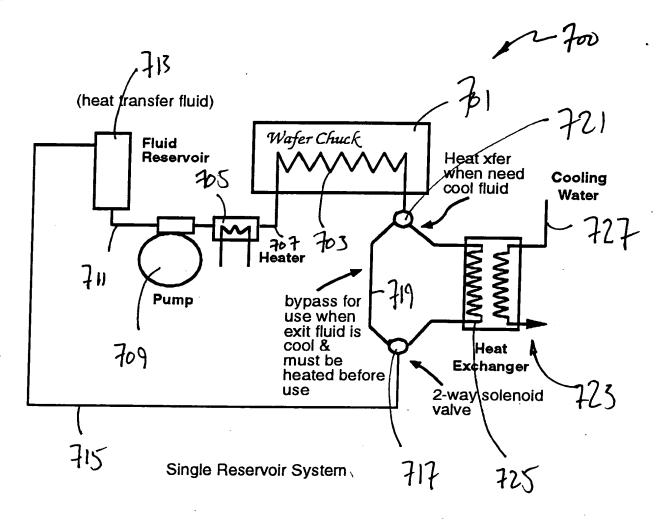


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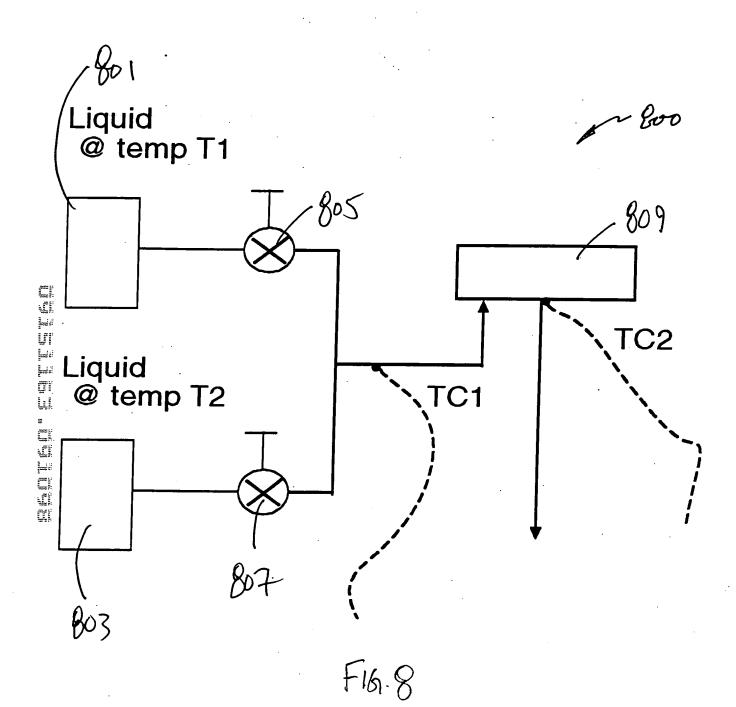


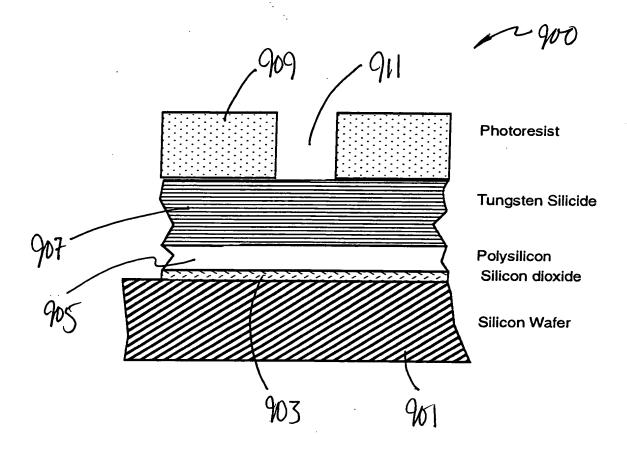




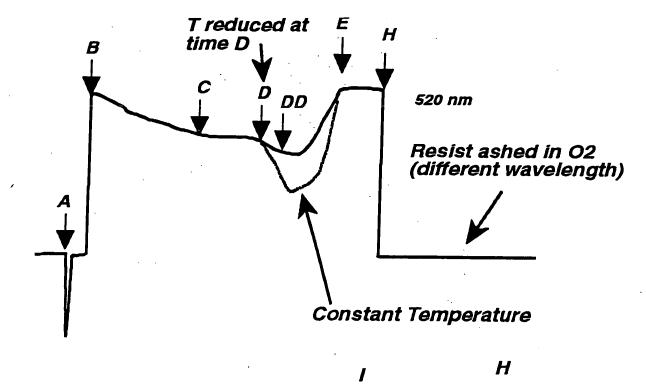


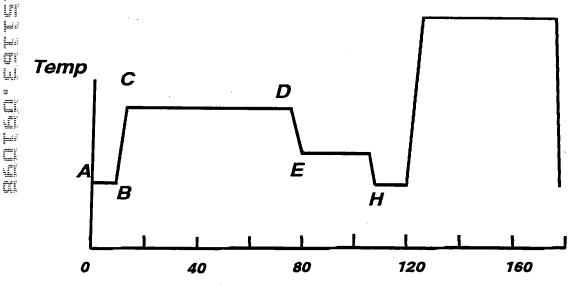
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- A. SF₆ native oxide "breakthrough"
 B. Cl₂ plasma is ignited
 C. WSi_x begins to clear (endpoint)
 D. Polysilicon is exposed
 E. Polysilicon cleared to oxide

- H. Plasma extinguished and O2 feed gas flow is started I. O2 plasma is started J O2 plasma is extinguished.

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